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a content receiving section which receives content including apparatus identification information for identifying the content recording apparatus; and

a legality judging section which judges legality of the apparatus identification information included in the content,

wherein the legality judging section stops playback of the content when the apparatus identification information is judged to be illegal.

24. The content distribution control system according to claim 8 further comprising a unique code generator which generates a unique code for the content from information on a content owner and on an apparatus, by which the content is created.---

REMARKS

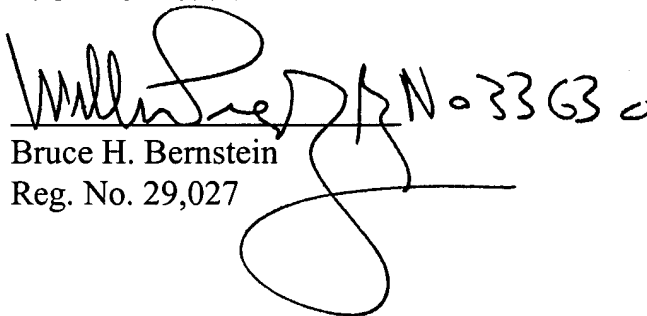
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

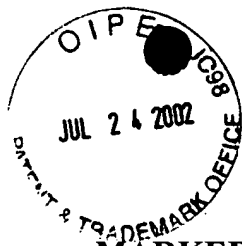
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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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1. (Amended) A method for controlling distribution of content over [the] a telecommunication network comprising:

receiving the content which includes [adding] apparatus identification information for identifying an apparatus by which the content is recorded and content identification information containing an identification code for identifying the content[, to the content];

transmitting the content to a user terminal connected to the telecommunication network;

receiving, at the user terminal, at least one part of the content containing the apparatus identification information and the identification code over the telecommunication network;

extracting, at the user terminal, the apparatus identification information and the identification code from the received at least one part of the content;

judging whether the content is a legal copy or an illegal copy at the user terminal based on the extracted apparatus identification information and the identification code [extracted]; and

stopping reception and playback of the content at the user terminal when the content is judged an illegal copy.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2,

wherein the user terminal further performs [further comprising] receiving the apparatus identification information and identification code in advance, and

wherein the judging judges that the content is a legal copy when an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code received in advance is the same as an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code extracted, and judges that the content is an illegal copy when the combinations are different.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 further comprising posting the received at least one part of the content on [the] a electronic bulletin board to disclose, when the content is judged to be an legal copy by the judging.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising:
creating the content; and
creating the identification code for uniquely identifying the content,
wherein [the adding adds] the identification information and the created identification code are included in the content[, to the content] as electronic watermark information.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein [the adding adds] the identification information and the created identification code are encoded in advance [, to the content] as electronic watermark information.

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8. (Amended) A content distribution control system for controlling distribution of content over a telecommunication network comprising:

a content receiving section which receives content;

an identification information adder which adds, to the content, apparatus identification information for identifying an apparatus by which the content is recorded and content identification information containing an identification code for identifying the content to transmit to the telecommunication network; and

a content distributing section which distributes the content and is connected to a user terminal via the telecommunication network,

the user terminal including:

an identification information extractor which receives at least one part of the content containing the apparatus identification information and the identification code from the identification information adder over the telecommunication network and extracts the apparatus identification information and identification code; and

a legality judging section which judges whether the content is a legal copy or an illegal copy on the basis of the apparatus identification information and identification code extracted by the identification information extractor, said legality judging section stopping reception and playback of the content when judging that the content is an illegal copy.

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17. (Amended) The computer-executable program according to claim 16 further comprising receiving the apparatus identification information and identification code in advance,

wherein the judging judges that the content is legal copy when an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code received in advance is the same as an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code extracted, and judges that the content is an illegal copy when the combinations are different.

20. (Amended) A recording medium that has recorded a computer-executable program according to claim 15.